

# 2010 Arizona State Convention

## September 3-5, 2010

Hosted by District 8  
Sheraton Crescent, Phoenix, AZ

*Practicing AA's Principles-Pathway to Unity*



***Fabulous Speakers, Panels, Entertainment for a nominal registration fee to be announced.***

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## WHY DO I HAVE TO PAY?

Most associations like to hold conferences or conventions. However, in AA, a conference or convention is an important opportunity to share the AA experience in a broad way.

There are many AA conferences held around the world. One of the most common misconceptions of these gatherings is that they are AA meetings, and since "There are no dues or fees for AA membership..." there should be no fees to attend. Conventions and conferences are special events, not regular meetings. They require months of planning, preparations, and money to present. Since most events are held in hotels/convention centers, there is a charge for the use of these facilities. Along with facility charge, the hotel/convention center will require that the group purchase coffee and food. Other expenses include travel and lodging for conference speakers, printing of flyers and schedules, postage and supplies. A large event requires a substantial amount of money.

This conference/convention is self-supporting. No group monies are used to pay for this event. The cost of the event is paid through registration fees. No baskets are passed. The ideal goal for any committee of such an event is to break even; therefore, the registration fee is nominal compared to a weekend's worth of entertainment anywhere else. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible AA members, we "pay our own way."